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IN THE HOUSE

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

The Senate reported action on House Bill 92, relating to private ways and water rights, having passed it with certain voluminous amendments, changing the bill very materially.

Rawlins made a speech about the action of the Senate which he called "capricious" and moved that the House do not concur in the matter, and the motion passed unanimously. Rawlins declared the bill was all right, and not full of holes as the Senate's long amendment might appear to indicate. He thought the Senate was going out of its way in the action it had taken. On motion a committee was named to confer with the Senate on the matter.

A message from the Governor brought his vetoes to three bills, Senate Bills Nos. 52, 6 and 27. The objections to the bills are given in detail under special head in this issue.

A joint resolution introduced by the Senate was passed at its second reading, and will come up for final action tomorrow. It provides for a commission consisting of two members from the Senate and three from the House, to be appointed to visit and examine into the ownership, condition and management of all wharves and landings in the Territory, and to report to the next legislature with facts and recommendations relative to the advisability of the government's taking control of all of them.

SECOND READING.

Three bills and a joint resolution were given a second reading and referred to their proper committees.

House Bill 150, relating to procedure in having name of a person changed by the courts.

House Bill 153, amends the Sunday observance law, making it illegal to sell tobacco or refreshments on Sunday by any store having other goods for sale, and prohibiting entertainments on Sunday to which an admission fee is charged.

House Bill 154, provides for the sale, lease or other disposal by Superintendent of Public Works or the Commissioner of Public Lands, with consent of the Governor, of public lands as they may see fit.

The House took a recess at noon until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

A communication from the governor reported to the House that House bills 27, 96 and 97 have been signed by the executive and are now laws.

The same report was made as regards Senate bill No. 38.

The Finance Committee reported on a petition to make the compensation of Supervisors \$100 per month, recommending that it be laid on the table to be taken up with House bill 136. The Finance Committee reported on House bill 55 to create county revenue, providing that fines collected in county become county revenue instead of territorial. The committee recommended the tabling of the bill on the ground that it would not serve the purpose to which it was intended.

The report was adopted.

The committee on Education reported on Senate bill 66 relative to designation of public schools, amending Section 206 recommending that it pass. Carried.

The committee on Education reported on Senate bill 67 amending Section 211 recommending its passage. The report was adopted and the bill goes to a third reading.

A petition was read asking (1) for a government road from Mahukona to Kawaihae; (2) that the government lands at Palolo be opened as homestead lots; (3) that the use of the Hawaiian language be allowed in the courts; (4) that Hawaiian be used in the practice of medicine; (5) that Hawaiians be allowed to practice medicine upon the payment of \$5 a year license.

The petition which was signed by about 38 signatures and presented by Representative Kaniho was referred to the Miscellaneous committee.

Kalelopu introduced a bill to provide

for the distribution of funds received from the sale of public lands, providing for the refunding of the amount paid by a prospective purchaser of public lands, who shall have failed to make his payments and been dispossessed. The bill passed to print.

Residents of Waiea petitioned that government lands in portions of Waiea be opened to homesteaders.

Referred to Public Lands committee. House bill No. 151 relating to arrest of judgment, stay of execution, etc., came up for second reading and on motion was referred to the Judiciary committee.

The House committee of the whole reported progress in the consideration of House bill 73, corresponding to Senate bill 36, relative to salaries of territorial officials, and asked for more time. It is the disposition of the House to defer action on the salary bill until the Senate has had its whirl at it.

The House adjourned at 2:45 p. m. until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

IN THE SENATE

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY.

Smith opposed lump appropriations as a rule but he supported the present case. Dowsett contended that if lump sum appropriations were made, if it were found that all of the work that such appropriations covered were unnecessary, the money would not be used. Then ensued a more extended debate over the qualifications and character of help to be employed. Lane wanted to have the original sum passed at \$5,400. This amendment was defeated and then the item at \$12,000 as recommended by the committee's report passed.

The office of Assistant Superintendent of Public Works was then stricken out. The following items passed: office boy \$50 per month; Superintendent of Sewers \$150, deputy and chief clerk sewer department \$75; sewer foreman and 3 assistants \$5,160 per period; sewer engineer and fireman \$12,120 per period; wharf foreman \$100; wharf sweepers for period \$2,880; mechanics in government shops \$100; salary of head carpenter raised from \$75 to \$100 on committee's report; assistant clerk water works bureau \$90; foreman water pipes \$2,400 per period; chief inspector and assistants \$5,760 per period; pump engineers, firemen and others \$7,240 per period; superintendent P.H.O. water works and sewers increased from \$100 to \$125; clerk at \$40 a month inserted; Superintendent of Laupahoehoe water works increased from \$2 to \$5 a month; salary superintendent Lahaina water works increased from \$60 to \$85; salary Koloa superintendent water works \$5 per month; superintendent Waimea water works \$40 per month.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the afternoon session in the Senate today there was a debate over the salary of James W. Pratt as commissioner of Public Lands. The appropriation bill sought to make his salary \$300 from \$250 per month. Senator Brown wanted the item cut from \$300

to \$250. There have been complaints made to the House and Senate against the commissioner, charges had been made that Pratt had taken the money from settlers on the lands, turned the money into the Treasury and later told the people that they must get off of the lands. From what he had observed of the administration of land laws whenever poor settlers desired to take up lands, the hardest kind of conditions were imposed on them. Whereas strangers who had not lived here long had no difficulty in getting public lands opened. Poor settlers at Hilo had made application to have lands opened up but they had been refused lands whereas Portuguese had made application for public lands and had gotten them over the poor natives. The commissioner did not have to pay his own expenses in travelling around the islands as had been represented by a previous speaker, but such expenses were paid out of the incidentals.

Senator Lane favored the reduction. Senators Dowsett and Smith spoke in favor of the \$300 item. On a vote the amendment to reduce the salary was lost and then passed at \$300 per month as in the bill.

After some discussion the salary of the pilot at Hilo passed at \$160 a month although Senator Brown wanted it to be raised to \$200.

The Kahului pilot was down for \$200 a month but, on motion of Senator Lane the item was cut to \$175 a month. The Hilo pilot boat boys was raised from \$32.50 to \$35 a month. An item of \$55 for the pay of Portuguese interpreter in the Judiciary department was inserted and passed.

The salary of the clerk to the judge of the third circuit was raised to \$100 a month. The salary of the first deputy attorney general was increased to \$250 a month and the salary of the clerk to the attorney general's department was raised to \$150.

An attempt to cut the salary of Superintendent of Public Schools Rabbitt from \$300 to \$250 a month failed, but after a long debate the item of \$706,000 for the pay of teachers was cut to \$608,000. Senator Dowsett moved that the sum of \$706,000 be reduced to \$608,000 and that this item is appropriated upon condition that—

1. No person employed as a teacher by the Board of Education shall receive a salary in excess of \$200 per month.

2. No person employed as a teacher by the Board of Education in receipt of a salary of not less than \$125 per month shall receive an increase of such salary in respect of the position now held by him or her.

3. No person employed as a teacher by the Board of Education shall receive a greater salary than \$125 per month in any position of teacher where the salary of the present incumbent does not exceed \$125 per month.

Senator McCarthy asked if this would include the pay of those teachers whose salaries had been paid from current receipts.

Senator Smith wanted to know if this matter had the support of the committee on education or was it a personal contribution by the Senator.

Senator Dowsett replied that it was his own and that he had not consulted the committee. He felt that he had a right to introduce a motion on his own account if it was in proper form.

Senator McCarthy said there was no doubt that discrimination had been shown and cited the case of two young graduates from the Normal. One had been sent to Kauai on a salary of \$40 a month and the other kept here at \$75. Now it is proposed to increase the one on Kauai to \$70 and the one here to \$85. He believed the pay should be strictly in accordance with the merit of the teacher. He added that there will be a proper amendment made to the bill at the right time and asked any member of the Senate to put in one if he had any suggestions to make.

Senator Hewitt moved to adopt the report of Senator Dowsett as to the \$608,000 and it carried. The item of \$4800 for truant officers was stricken out.

The salary of the Superintendent of the Boys' Industrial School was cut \$25 and an item for the pay of General Sanitary Inspector, \$150, was inserted. Assistant Sanitary Inspector at Hilo was raised to \$50 on motion of Senator Brown.

Senator Coelho had an item of \$2850 pay for police and Sheriff, Kalawao, inserted and it passed.

Senator Lane moved to reconsider the vote on the salary of Treasurer. Carried. This puts his pay on line with other heads of departments at \$300 a month.

The clerk then read the communication announcing the passage of sundry bills in the House on third reading. They were read by title and passed first reading in the Senate.

A communication from the executive officer of the Associated Charities furnished the information asked for by



Senator Coelho and the communication was referred to the Ways and Means committee.

A communication from the Land Commissioner was referred to the Land committee and the clerk read a communication from the Secretary announcing the signing by the Governor of the following bills:

House bill No. 27, relating to the sale of salmon.

House bill No. 96, relating to the sale of tobacco.

Senate bill No. 38, relating to an agricultural college.

House bill No. 97, relating to bankers' licenses.

Senate bill No. 57, relating to the purchase of furniture for the Hilo High School.

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